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FOR THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PPDC, IR

SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO THE SHAH

REF: TEHRAN 350

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING TO THE SHAH:
2. BEGIN TEXT. YOUR IMPERIAL MAJESTY:

THANK YOU FOR THE VERY FULL ACCOUNT OF YOUR MEETINGS WITH
PRESIDENT SADAT AND THE SAUDI LEADERSHIP. YOUR REPORT OF
PRESIDENT SADAT'S VIEWS WILL BE EXTREMELY HELPFUL AS
SECRETARY VANCE PREPARES FOR THE FORTHCOMING TALKS IN
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THIS IS VERY WELCOME NEWS.

IT WAS PARTICULARLY ENCOURAGING TO HAVE CONFIRMATION OF PRESIDENT SADAT'S CONTINUED FLEXIBILITY WITH REGARD TO A FORMULA ON "SELF-DETERMINATION." THIS WILL OF COURSE BE A KEY ELEMENT OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS' DISCUSSIONS NEXT WEEK.

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YOUR IMPRESSIONS ABOUT THE PREOCCUPATION OF EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA WITH EVENTS IN THE HORN OF AFRICA ARE IDENTICAL TO MY OWN. AS A RESULT OF MY TRIP, I AM MORE THAN EVER AWARE OF THE CONCERNS WHICH WE SHARE WITH ALL THE REGIONAL NATIONS ABOUT THE RAPID INCREASE OF SOVIET AND CUBAN MILITARY PRESENCE IN ETHIOPIA AND THE THREAT WHICH THAT REPRESENTS TO STABILITY AND PEACE IN THE AREA. YOUR REPORT ON THE SPECIFIC STEPS WHICH EGYPT, SUDAN AND

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I RAISED THIS ISSUE WITH PRESIDENT GISCARD IN PARIS AND URGED HIM TO APPROACH THE SOVIET UNION ABOUT THEIR ACTIVITIES IN THE HORN. GISCARD AGREES THAT THERE IS ALSO A NEED FOR A PEACE INITIATIVE, AND HE BELIEVES THAT THE MOST APPROPRIATE APPROACH WOULD BE THROUGH THE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL, POSSIBLY WITH THE ADDITION OF SOME AFRICAN STATES. GISCARD FELT THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL TO SUPPORT SOMALIA TO SHOW THE SOVIETS THAT THEIR MOVES WERE COSTLY. HE INDICATED THAT THE FRENCH WERE FULLY ENGAGED IN THE PROCESS OF FINDING A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM.

AS A RESULT OF MY TALKS, THE UNITED STATES IS NOW CONDUCTING AN INTENSIVE REVIEW OF OUR POLICY IN THE HORN OF AFRICA. I SHALL REMAIN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH YOU AS THIS PROCESS PROGRESSES.

I DEEPLY APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS YOU ARE MAKING IN THE
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